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Congress convenes next Monday.

The Silver men are in convention at St. Louis.

The contest for the next Speaker ship is as changeable as the weather.

The government of Brazil, South America, has changed from an Empire to a Republic. The Emperor, Dom Pedro, was given \$2,500,000 in gold, and guaranteed \$300,000 a year the remainder of his life. He would peaceably abdicate his throne and forever quit the country.

Two women, supposed to be members of the Bender family, were arrested at Niles, Mich., recently and taken to Parsons, Kansas, where they were granted a preliminary examination and bound over for their appearance at the District Court. One witness testified positively that the prisoners were "Mrs. and Kate Bender." The Benders practiced their murderous work near the southeastern border of Kansas in the years 1871, 1872 and 1873, and it is said that the most horrible crimes in the history of "bleeding Kansas" was committed by the Benders.

A man must have enemies. That is, anybody but a putty man must have enemies. The more positive a man's character, the more foes he will have. If he is ambitious, they will induce him. If he is successful, they envy and back bite him. That is to say a certain sort of enemies will do so. A gentleman will not. If your enemy is a gentleman he will be open in his enmity. And an open and honest enemy is the next best thing to a friend—a great deal better than some friend. But heaven save a man from his smiling, fawning treacherous foes. What more detestable thing was ever spit upon earth from the womb of darkness than the double-faced dog who with one hand around your neck in pretended friendship, stabs you in the back with the other; who smiles in your face, and lies about you behind your back; who pretends to wish you well, and does all in his power to injure you. For an open and brave enemy, there may be respect. For the cowardly, sneaking, back biting kind, there can be nothing but contempt.—Cape Democrat.

The Democrat, it now appears, was badly mistaken last week in the statement that prosecuting Attorney Elliott had been indicted in the U. S. court for intimidating a voter and preventing him from exercising his privileges as an American citizen. This is the celebrated case of T. A. Head. A number of witnesses, including ex-Judge of the Peace Fox, Dec Taylor, Agent Miller and Henry Story, of Bird's Point, Operator O. C. Ross, at the time of the difficulty operator at the Point, an eye witness, Luther Shelby, of this city, and the following colored men of the county Wash Palmer, Tom Sanders, Rev. Brooks and Wm. Walker. Only a few of the witnesses were before the U. S. Grand Jury, but enough to convince that body that Elliott had done nothing to call for action on its part; hence the case was dismissed, as was also that alleging fraudulent ballots. Both charges were very thin, and it is understood that if Head had not had the backing of some white Republican friends here he never would have attempted to get Elliott into trouble.—Charleston Democrat.

The following is a part of a reply to an article of Slimkin's in this paper a few weeks ago:

"Don't you know that the good

people would vote it down just as they do everything else? As for Bollinger county officials, they are all nice men, and they perform their works to the best of their ability. The only harm that I can say of them, they are the last set to be found, and that is one of my objections to fencing the court-house. Again, there is not an officer in Marble Hill who does not want the court-house fenced, but should they advocate such a thing before the voters of the county, the next time they asked for an offer they would be set up "Salt River," as you were at the last election."

"JOHNSON CHURCH."

We clip the above from a correspondent of the Jackson Cash Book, dated at Gravel Hill. It is an injustice to our county officials. Our people have voted but one or two measures down since our residence, but they did vote, when they were financially crippled, an indecision upon themselves for a misfortune. As the compensation of ladies east in our county officials, it will continue to injure them no more than any other representation, and they are able to take care of themselves. Johnson is also able to argue his case away, but we must say he is misrepresented above, as he was not a candidate for office. Since our representation with him and he is an unscrupulous tradesman. What he or our county officials may have to do with the above consideration, respondent is bound to his family—not ours.

PRINTER'S ERROR.

It is well for the Democrats who would give us a new birth to remember to hold fast the principles. Parties have been permitted, of course, to participate in the affairs of men, but all then are fallible upon the vital question. What are the essential principles of the Democracy—those they have for the national good? When you begin to do an evil, apply them to the future benefit of the people.

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What are these principles, and what have they ever done for the people?

It is well for us to see always be remembered that when a politician gains for the rights of the people the good to soil soon becomes so much a matter of course that his origin is forgotten; the people enjoy his popularity and relish it. If he is a Democrat, he will be open in his enmity. And an open and honest enemy is the next best thing to a friend—a great deal better than some friend. But heaven save a man from his smiling, fawning treacherous foes. What more detestable thing was ever spit upon earth from the womb of darkness than the double-faced dog who with one hand around your neck in pretended friendship, stabs you in the back with the other; who smiles in your face, and lies about you behind your back; who pretends to wish you well, and does all in his power to injure you. For an open and brave enemy, there may be respect. For the cowardly, sneaking, back biting kind, there can be nothing but contempt.—Cape Democrat.

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It is not to be denied that there are many plausible arguments for centralization of powers, argument which impose on men who do not look below the surface, and have often carried elections. The Federalists were eloquent in defense of the alliance and sedition laws; their successors ridiculed the Democratic opposition to great central bank devaluating the business of the country; Mr. Seward was gleeful over the powers he could exercise by the stroke of his little bell; and thought it vastly superior to the local courts; Senator Blair can give reasons by the score for centralizing a dozen powers at Washington, and John Sherman can argue for national control of local elections with a subtlety that if were possible would deceive the very elect.

To all such apologetics the genius of Democracy has one answer: "The principle of the thing is not right; it may seem to work well just now, and it may seem good for this particular case, but hard cases make hard law, and the bad precedent once set is sure in the end to work out far more evil than it cured." Democracy from the first has been willing to tolerate the occasional evil for the greater general good. From the first it has planned itself upon the platform that the nation should do nothing which can be safely left

to the state, the state nothing which can safely be left to the county, and that in the county the municipality should have the control of its local administration, while neither nation, state, county nor municipality should interfere with the citizen further than is absolutely necessary for the protection of life and property.

It is noteworthy fact that every foreign student of American affairs from De Toqueville to Bryce has pointed to this as a great and distinctive glory of our system. They have been delighted with the machinery by which each city and each town taxes itself to do its own work, by which the towns combine to make the county and the counties the state, so that the government is kept close to the governed, and the cases are tried indeed when the citizen has to go further than his county to seek justice. And history records that the maintenance of this great boom has always been the peculiar virtue of the Democratic party. Their opponents do deny, and the candid among them do not seek to deny that when they have held power long they have sought to evade responsibility this rule. They bring national laws to limit the freedom of speech and the press, they pollute with laws super-powerful corporations, and endow with laws to surround the polls with regular troops in every emergency their first judgment and is the "Tory instinct in all countries" is to go to the wealthy, the rich Banker or millionaire capitalist for relief—never to trust to the sober second thought of the plain people.

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